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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON FORMER SIERRA LEONE ATTORNEY
GENERAL BERTHAN MACAULAY

1. JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING OFFERING HIGH LEVEL
APPOINTMENT TO BERTHAN MACAULAY, FORMER ATTORNEY
GENERAL OF SIERRA LEONE (IN THE 1960S), WHO NOW IS IN PRIVATE LAW
PRACTISE IN KINGSTON. JAMAICAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ASKED
WHETHER WE COULD OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MACAULAY'S
DISMISSAL FROM SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT AND SUBSEQUENT EXILE.
IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MACAULAY WAS CHARGED WITH
TREASON FOR PURELY POLITICAL REASONS, AT ONE TIME SENTENCED
TO DEATH, AND PERMITTED TO LEAVE SIERRA LEONE ONLY AFTER
APPEALS FROM VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS. GRATEFUL IF
YOU COULD ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER ABOVE FACTS
CORRECT--PROVIDING ANY OTHER USEFUL ESSENTIAL DETAILS.
IN ESSENCE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO ASSURE ITSELF
THAT MACAULAY FACED ONLY POLITICALLY-INSPIRED CHARGES
AND IN FACT HAS A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH IN TERMS OF HIS
INTEGRITY.
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